

Mr. I. N. Menon.—They will not form the sole criterion. There will be some other circumstances which will be taken into consideration. The progress of the pupil apart from the actual marks obtained in the examinations will also be taken into account.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—If a pupil has passed in all subjects in the annual examination, then that boy will be promoted?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—He will certainly be promoted.

Complaint from guardians---Promotion.

21. Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether there are complaints received from guardians of pupils about unequal treatment in the matter of promotions in the T. D. High School, Cochin;

(b) if the answer is in the affirmative, what action the Government has taken in this matter?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—(a) There was a complaint from the guardian of a pupil.

(b) The request to promote his ward was not granted as the pupil failed miserably in Arithmetic, in all the three terminal examinations and in Elementary Science in the annual examination.

Lease of a house—quarters for M. L. C s.

22. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether the house of Mr. P. I. Varugis, the retired Chief Judge of Cochin, has been acquired or taken on lease by Government; and if so, on what terms;

(b) for what purpose is it done;

(c) what was the amount for which the house was purchased by Mr. Varugis and how much was spent by him for improvement;

(d) whether Mr. Varugis has any other house in Ernakulam or any immovable property in Cochin?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon—(a) The house is taken on lease on a monthly rent of Rs. 70.

(b) To provide quarters for L. C. Members in times of Council Sessions and at other times to accommodate State Guests.

(c) and (d). Government have no information.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—May I know what rent was given to this house before it was purchased by Mr. Varugis?